

## **February 22, 2022 – EMPIRE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

The Public Hearing on the 2022-23 Budget was opened at 7:00 p.m. Comments on a water quality grant were heard from John Collins. He complimented the Council on their testing efforts and hopes the Township will assist in the future. He asked about the impact of new development on revenues. Davis reviewed the revenues and expenditure by department totals in the General Fund and total revenues and expenditures for the Major Street, Local Street, Water and Equipment Funds.

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m. at the Empire Township Hall and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Davis. Upon a roll call, Council members Bacon, Barr, Chase, Davis, Dye, Palmer and Rademacher were present. Clerk Smith and Treasurer Nelson were absent due to the weather.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA - Motion by Dye, support by Bacon to approve the agenda. Upon a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS – None.**

**CONSENT AGENDA – Motion by Dye, support by Bacon to approve the minutes of Regular Meeting 1/25/22 and Work Session 2/10/22 and February Bills totaling \$11,944.40. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Chase, Palmer, Rademacher, Davis, Barr, Bacon, Dye. Nays: None. MOTION PASSED.**

**REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS –** Palmer questioned whether the January R&E has been received. Davis will check with the Clerk.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS –** Friend reviewed his written report and will supply copies of water testing for distribution to Council. DPW was complimented by Council on the organization of the shop and work on the snowplow truck. Dye read the Zoning Administrator's report aloud.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**2022-23 BUDGET - Motion by Bacon, support by Barr to approve Resolution No. 5 of 2022 to approve the 2022-23 Budget.** There was discussion of the hourly rate for Beach Ambassador's and the \$400 for Elections as a department that were not detailed in the resolution. It was noted that all year-round position wages were included and the \$400 was included in the General Fund total. **ROLL CALL: Ayes: Bacon, Palmer, Dye, Davis, Chase, Barr, Rademacher. Nays: None. MOTION PASSED.**

**Motion by Barr, support by Rademacher to approve Equipment Rental rates at 100% of the rates presented by MDOT. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Barr, Bacon, Davis, Chase, Rademacher, Palmer, Dye. Nays: None. MOTION PASSED.**

**Motion by Barr, support by Rademacher to approve Resolution No. 6 of 2022 to transfer 50% of all Major Street Funds received monthly to the Local Street Fund for the 2022-23 fiscal year. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Chase, Dye, Bacon, Palmer, Barr, Rademacher, Davis. Nays: None. MOTION PASSED.**

**CLARIFICATION OF FINANCIAL REPORTS** – There was discussion of the content of the Revenue & Expenditure report, when it should be received, and thru what date. There was also discussion of the Cash reports from both the Treasurer and Clerk. **Motion by Palmer, support by Dye to receive the Revenue & Expenditure Report for the prior month at the Work Session for questions and discussion at the Regular Meeting. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Palmer, Dye. Nays: Chase, Rademacher, Davis, Barr, Bacon. MOTION FAILED.**

Palmer would like further discussion at the next work session.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Julie Wilbur commented that she is excited about the improvements to Shalda Park. Kids attending the ball games will now have more to do and she will be using the exercise equipment.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENT** – Davis commented that the track at Shalda Park is not a track that goes nowhere. It is a track that is being put in to help all of us. We have collaborated with a physical therapist to select the exercise equipment and hopefully it will relieve some pressure from the Beach Park overflow.

**ADJOURNMENT** at 7:51 p.m.

Derith Smith Empire Village Clerk

*These minutes were approved at the March 22, 2022, Regular Council meeting.*